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*Mississippi River*

# Low Water Update

## Our Mission

The Memphis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will continuously and proactively plan for and execute actions in order to ensure authorized navigation channels and harbors are sustained. We will collaborate with all relevant Corps elements, navigation and port partners, and other stakeholders as part of a unified region, and leverage all available resources and capabilities.

## Purpose of this newsletter

To inform the public and our partners on the status of harbors, the navigation channel, and current and future operations.

## Memphis District Harbor Conditions - Aug. 31, 2012

Harbor	River Mile	Last Survey Date		Last Dredged	Dredging Schedule	Harbor Status
Elvis Stahr (Hickman), KY	921.0	August 22, 2012	Yellow	AUG 12	22 July - 15 August	OPEN
Northwest TN	899.0	April 4, 2012	Red		11 - 18 November	CLOSED
New Madrid City, MO	886.0	June 12, 2012	Red		3 - 9 September	CLOSED
New Madrid County, MO	885.0	August 8, 2012	Red	OCT 11	26 Aug - 2 Sept	CLOSED
Caruthersville, MO	850.0	May 14, 2012	Red		12 - 23 September	CLOSED
Osceola, AR	785.0	August 9, 2012	Red		26 Sept - 9 Oct	LIGHT LOADING
Wolf River, TN	736.0	May 3, 2012	Red	OCT 11	12 - 17 October	CLOSED
McKellar Lake, TN	725.0	August 21, 2012	Yellow	JUL 12	7 Sept - 10 Nov	OPEN
Helena, AR	663.0	May 2, 2012	Red		20 - 27 October	CLOSED
Phillips County, AR	652.0	May 1, 2012	Red		29 Oct - 5 Nov	CLOSED
Color key						
Controlling Depth						
Greater Than	11'	Green				
Between	9' and 11'	Yellow				
Less Than	9'	Red				

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## Dredge and Floating Plant locations in Memphis District and status as of Aug. 31, 2012

**USACE Dredge Hurley:** Commerce (Miss.), mile 697 LMR, mainstem channel dredging. Scheduled to remain at this location for approximately the next 10 days.

**Contract Dredge Venture:** New Madrid County Harbor, mile 885 LMR, harbor dredging. Scheduled to move to New Madrid City Harbor, mile 886 LMR on Sept. 2, 2012.

**Contract Dredge Pontchartrain:** Now mobilizing and will begin dredging at McKellar Lake, Memphis on approximately Sept. 7, 2012, based upon river and weather conditions.

**Riverbank Stabilization Mat Sinking Unit:** Commerce (Miss.), mile 697 LMR, left descending side.

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## Funding status as of Aug. 31, 2012

**Mainstem Mississippi River channel dredging:** \$17.3 million received, \$14.6 million obligated.

**Harbor dredging:** \$16.7 million received, \$15.7 million obligated.

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## Additional information

**Channel Improvement Program:** The investment America has made in channel improvement infrastructure on the Lower Mississippi River since 1988 is paying big dividends. In 1988, tows were down in many areas to 12 barges or less. In 2012 we are close to 1988 water levels and industry is still moving 25 barges or more in their tows.

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## Useful links

**NWS Ohio and Lower Mississippi River 5 Day Forecast:**

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lmrfc/?n=lmrfc-mississippiandohioriverforecast>

**NWS Extended Streamflow 28 Day Prediction:**

<http://www.riverwatch.noaa.gov/forecasts/ORNESPORN.php>

**Memphis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:**

<http://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/>

**U.S. Coast Guard Sector Lower Mississippi River, Memphis:**

<http://www.uscg.mil/d8/sectlmr/>

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